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## CITY OF GLENDALE APPROVES INITIAL PHASE OF RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECT

**Glendale, AZ. -** At the Oct. 9 City Council Meeting, the city of Glendale voted in favor of moving forward with VIESTE Energy's proposed Renewable Energy project. The City Council authorized interim City Manager Horatio Skeete to execute requisite agreements allowing for the Initial Phase of the project to commence.

The Initial Phase includes the construction of a Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) that will process up to 180,000 tons of municipal solid waste annually. The facility will maximize recycling in the city by further removing recyclable materials that remain in the waste stream. VIESTE's CEO, Michael A. Comparato, commented, "VIESTE Energy offers innovation solutions to waste management and renewable energy. We are excited about the Materials Recovery Facility project as a further enhancement to the City's already successful recycling program."

Public Works Director Stuart Kent added, "This project allows the city to triple the amount of recycling done in the community, add life to the existing landfill and provides the City with additional on going revenue with no capital investment required by the city."

The Initial Phase is a portion of an overall \$100 million Renewable Energy project that will generate 14 megawatts of green energy completely funded with private investment. VIESTE Energy will invest approximately \$25 million in this Initial Phase, which is expected to be operational in 2013.

For additional information on this project, visit <u>www.glendaleaz.com/publicworks/landfill/</u>. In addition, visit VIESTE's website at <u>www.viestellc.com/images/stories/glendale/</u>.

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